

I would like to express my opposition to RM-10869 as prepared by Ronald D. Lowrance. Morse code testing should not be required as a pre-requisite for licensing in my opinion. At the present time, morse code is the only mode that is being tested. If morse should continue to be tested, operators should be required to test when using any new digital or audio mode. This is counter to the efforts that the FCC is attempting to foster with the restructuring proposal - that of a simpler license system.

I would recommend that in lieu of including morse code testing, the existing written tests should be rewritten to include more technical material important to safety and operation parameters in all mode. The current examinations are too simple to be effective in accurately testing applicants.